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SUBJECT: AIR FRANCE HIJACKING

1. FRENCH PRESS JULY 8 CARRIES FOLLOWING QUOTE FROM AIR FRANCE PILOT OF HIJACKED AIR BUS WHO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 7:

"QUESTIONED ON THE SUBJECT OF GENERAL AMIN'S ATTITUDE AND THE POSSIBLE COLLUSION BETWEEN THE UGANDAN AUTHORITIES AND THE HIJACKERS, THE PILOT (MR. BACOS) REPLIED: 'THERE MAY HAVE BEEN COLLUSION, BUT THERE WAS NO PROOF OF ANY. WE DEALT ONLY WITH THE HIJACKERS. EACH TIME THAT WE NEEDED SOMETHING, WE ADDRESSED OURSELVES TO THE HIJACKERS, AND THE LATTER IN TURH TRANSMITTED OUR REQUESTS TO THE

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UGANDAN AUTHORITIES. THE ONLY THING WE WITNESSED

WAS THE FACT THAT THE FOUR HIJACKERS WHO BOARDED THE
AIRCRAFT AT ATHENS WERE JOINED BY THREE OTHERS AT
ENTEBBE."

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING INDICATES THAT AIR FRANCE CREW
IS NOT DENYING THERE WAS COLLUSION. THEY ARE MERELY
EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT UGANDANS HELPED MAKE LIFE MORE
COMFORTABLE FOR THE HOSTAGES, AND THAT THEY SAW NO PROOF
OF COLLUSION BEYOND THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS FOR
THE TERRORISTS, AN IMPORTANT FACT IN ITSELF.
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